

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-3, 5-30 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 5, 16, and 20 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 5, 16, and 20.

Objection(s)

At the outset, the Applicant respectfully notes that claims 1-3, and 5-30 reflect the current state to claims (including amendments made with this response). Further, the Applicant respectfully notes that the claims have only been amended to address antecedent basis issues arising from previous claim amendments. No new matter has been added by the above amendments. The Examiner has objected to claim 19 due to an informality in the manner in which the claim was amended, namely, the use of the term “(Original)” instead of the term “(Currently Amended)”. In view of the above amendments, the Applicant asserts that the Examiner’s objection is now moot, and accordingly, respectfully requests that the Examiner to withdraw his object.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 102

Claims 1-3 and 5-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by iPlanet Directory Server Administrator's Guide (Document ID 816-0799-01) ("iPlanet").

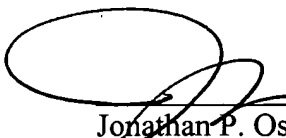
Applicant respectfully asserts that iPlanet is not valid prior art to this application. As evidenced by the attached declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131, the present invention was conceived prior to the effective 102(a) date of iPlanet, and subsequently constructively reduced to practice with due diligence exercised by the inventors. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

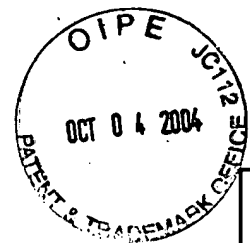
Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 13220.021001; P5834).

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 10/4/04



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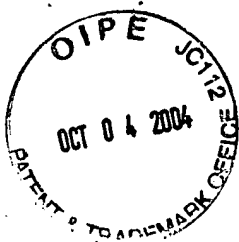
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
David Boreham et al.

Application No.: 09/867,791 (Conf. # 7719)

Art Unit: 2177

Filed: May 29, 2001

Examiner: K. S. Lu

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SHARING
ENTRY ATTRIBUTES IN A DIRECTORY
SERVER USING CLASS OF SERVICE

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DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.131

In connection with the Applicant's Response to the Office Action issued on August 4, 2004, this declaration sets forth the pertinent facts proving conception of the claimed invention prior to **April 2001**.

1. We, David W. Boreham and Peter Rowley, are the listed inventors for U.S. Patent Application 09/867,791 entitled "Method and System for Sharing Entry Attributes in a Directory Server using Class of Service"
2. We, David W. Boreham and Peter Rowley, conceived the claimed invention prior to at least January 8, 2001, as evidenced by an Internal Invention Disclosure ("IDT") Sheet (see attached) entitled "Method of Determining Properties of Users' Profiles as

a Group Based On the Users' Class of Service" e-mailed on January 8, 2001, in which we were listed as inventors.

3. We, David W. Boreham and Peter Rowley, assert that the title of the invention was changed prior to filing the referenced application from the title that was listed on the IDT Sheet and that the subject matter of the referenced application is the same as the subject matter contemplated when filing aforementioned IDT Sheet.
4. SUN reference number P5834 refers to the invention disclosed on the IDT sheet as shown by "File Number 5834" and corresponds to the Attorney Docket No. associated with this matter at the United States Patent and Trademark Office.
5. We, David W. Boreham and Peter Rowley, diligently worked on the reduction to practice of the invention from, at least, the date established by the Internal Invention Disclosure Sheet (see attached) until, at least, the date of constructive reduction to practice established by the filing of U.S. Patent Application 09/867,791 filed on May 29, 2001.
6. Mark Smith, while listed as an inventor on the attached Internal Invention Disclosure Sheet, did not make any contribution, individually or jointly, to the subject matter of any claim in U.S. Patent Application 09/867,791 filed on May 29, 2001.

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We, David W. Boreham and Peter Rowley, hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Signed this day 29, of September 2004.David W. Boreham
David W. Boreham

Signed this day _____, of September _____.


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Signed this day _____, of September _____.

David W. BorehamSigned this day 22nd, of September 2004.

Peter Rowley

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Invention Title:

"Method of Determining Properties of Users' Profiles as a Group Based on the Users' Class of Service"

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